

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Sept 11, 2017**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members in attendance were Ken Lewis, Kathy Lock Bob Wood and Becky Craft. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet. Harry acknowledged and thanked everyone for their support.*

### **2. Swearing in of Harry Ward as Council Member**

*Harry Ward was sworn in as a council member for a two-year term by Vice Mayor Ken Lewis.*

### **3. Approval of the Sept 11, 2017 meeting agenda**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Ken Lewis to approve the Sept 11, 2017, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Becky Craft. **The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.***

### **4. Approval of the Aug 14, 2017 Town meeting minutes**

**Motion:** *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Aug 14, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Becky Craft. **The motion carried 3-0.***

### **5. Reading of Correspondence**

*There was no correspondence for this month*

### **6. Reports:**

#### **a. Treasurer's Report**

*Kathy Lock presented the August 2017 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting.*

**Motion:** *Becky Craft made a motion to approve the Aug 2017 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ken Lewis seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.***

- b. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator  
*Mayor Ward gave the report and said that Bob Clemdaniel had worked 12.75 hours this month. He had 2 building permits and 2 drive throughs*
- c. Tax Collector Report  
*Angela Tibbitt presented the Tax Collector report noting that there was \$31,799.53 collected so far, this year and gave the treasurer a check for that amount and that the total billings amount to \$70,845.39, with one tax payment past due in the amount of \$1,092.38.*
- d. Town Street Committee  
*Additional shells are needed at one location. Jim Dalton will approach the supplier for anticipated costs and report back to Council.*
- e. Mayoral & Council updates
  - e.a.1 *Mike and Patty Erisman's grandson, Jayvon did a lot of work on the stones at Maryland Ave for a school project. Thanks for the hard work.*
  - e.a.2 *We might to address a few areas on several access roads.*
  - e.a.3 *There are a few potholes near Passwater Road we will review and see what needs to be addressed*
  - e.a.4 *Council will also look into the street stripes south of the firehouse.*
  - e.a.5 *The annual audit is now in progress.*
  - e.a.6 *There was discussion of speed bumps or rumble strips to deter speeding. Council will contact DelDot on this matter.*

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Sand on the beach  
*Unofficial word is that it is possible Slaughter Beach maybe in line for sand by a Corp of Engineers projects in 2019-20. This based on a discussion with the project manager with the ACE.*
- b. USDA Wastewater Grant  
*Hans Medlarz, the Sussex County Engineer, has indicated that there is a real possibility that the county could establish a Slaughter Beach sewer district. The council will setup a meeting to request more information and starts to move forward.*

*A Request for final bill has been submitted to Eric Retzlaff, waiting on response. DB&F will be the new engineer to complete the remaining project work.*

c. DNREC Resiliency Grant

*We are waiting for the final report from DNREC.*

d. Board Walk at Marvel Ave.

*We have recently applied for grants from Recs and Parks div of DNREC and TAP grants with Federal Highway Admin. At this point, all looks pretty good with this project and if all goes well, we should be able to put bids out in January.*

e. Banking Change

*The Town's CD (approx. \$210,000) will matured on August 16 and it was decided to move the CD's to WSFS.*

**New Business**

b.a. Coastal Clean-up will be held this Saturday starting at 9:00 AM.

b.b. Please sign-up at the pavilion.

b.c. Phragmites Control

The bids and a contract has been awarded. Spraying should begin next week.

b.d. Properties with exempt tax status

*Our Tax Collector Angela Tibbitt will look into this issue and get back to council with her findings.*

b.e. Storm Preparation

*Council person Becky Craft has been updating the town safety codes and is almost finished.*

*With the recent hurricanes and other harsh weather, council wanted to ask that all homeowners do whatever they can to secure their properties if bad weather approaches.*

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Ken Lewis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.*

**11. Upcoming Events**

Next Town Council meeting – October 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

Coastal Cleanup – Saturday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood  
Secretary